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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, CSCE, PINR, GW, BU
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF IMPRISONED GERMAN BUSINESSMAN

1. FRG AMBASSADOR STOECKER REPORTS THAT EARLY THIS WEEK THE BULGARIANS RELEASED A GERMAN NATIONAL WHO HAD BEEN INCARCERATED HERE FOR ALMOST SIX MONTHS AND WHO WAS ABOUT TO COME TO TRIAL FOR BRIBERY AS WELL AS, MORE OMINOUSLY, ESPIONAGE. (THE "ESPIONAGE" NO DOUBT RELATED TO INFORMATION OF USE FOR HIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND PRESUMABLY THE BRIBERY WAS MONEY OR FAVORS GIVEN A SENIOR BULGARIAN OFFICIAL EITHER IN HOPE OF GETTING THE INSIDE TRACK OR IN RETURN FOR SUCH INFORMATION.)

2. STOECKER WAS MYSTIFIED AT THE TIMING OF THIS RELEASE AS FRG HAD MADE NO RECENT DEMARCHE AND HAD, IN FACT, EXPECTED THE MAN TO BE RELEASED ONLY SOMETIME AFTER SENTENCING AND, PRESUMABLY, IN RETURN FOR SOME CONSIDERATION (USUALLY
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"BOND") FROM HIS EMPLOYER. ALL THE BULGARIANS SAID WAS THAT THE BUSINESSMAN HAD BEEN RELEASED" ON ORDER OF PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV" JUST BEFORE LATTER DEPARTED FOR THE SOVIET UNION. THE TRIAL OF THE BULGARIAN INVOLVED IS NEVERTHELESS STILL SCHEDULED, AND POSSIBLY THE GERMAN BUSINESSMAN WILL BE AMONG THE ACCUSED, OUT TRIED IN ABSENTIA.
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